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HANOI'S PHAM VAN DONG RETURNS TO PARIS AFTER 3, YRS, BEGINS
NEGOTS W/FRENCH LEADERS TO OPEN NEW ERA IN RELS (WP).
VISIT WILL SET STAGE FOR US-VN TALKS SCHEDULED FOR 5/3.
DONG WILL MEET PRES GISCARD, TALK W/PREMIER BARRE; WILL
DISCUSS SITUATION 3000 FRENCH CITIZENS IN VN/COMPENSATION
FOR FRENCH FIRMS/OPENING FRENCH CONSULATE IN SAIGON (PULLAN,
SUN).

UPI (BALTO NA 4/25) REVIEWS CASE NEWSMAN TERRY REYNOLDS,
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CAPTURED IN CAMBODIA APR 72. INTERVIEWS FAMILY WHO STILL
HOPE MAY BE ALIVE; MENTIONS DOS INTELL REPT INDICATED
REYNOLDS STILL ALIVE AUG 72.

2. CHINA

IN FURTHER BUILD UP OF MAO-TYPE PERSONALITY CULT, PRC PAPERS

CARRIED 14-YR-OLD NEWS ARTICLE BY HUA DESCRIBING AGR
PROGRESS IN/CALLING FOR PEASANTS TO STUDY MAO TIEN
COUNTY, HUNAN. SUNDAY PAPERS CARRIED PHOTO HUA IN MAO-LIKE
POSE (REUTER PEKING).
IN HIS "LETTER FROM CHINA" WP'S MATHEWS WRITES THAT
SOPHISTICATED SHANGHAI HAS MANAGED TO BLEND ITS SPARKLING
REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY WITH TASTE FOR GOOD LIFE. SAYS
HARD TO GET RISE OUT OF AVERAGE SHANGHAI RESIDENT.
MATHEWS NOTES FOREIGNERS' SECTION OF CHING CHIANG HOTEL
SEEMED UNDERPOPULATED/NO WESTERN NEWSPAPERS, BUT MET/DINED
WITH SHIRLEY TEMPLE BLACK AND SPOUSE WHO ALSO VISITING
CITY.

3. JAPAN

MARCOS/IMELDA ARRIVED TOKYO 4/25 ON 4-DAY STATE VISIT SCHED-
ULED INCLUDE TALKS W/FUKUDA, BUSINESS LEADERS. TALKS EX-
PECTED CENTER ON JAPAN-PHILS RELS, GENRL ASIAN SITUATION
IN VIEW CARTER'S PLANNED WITHDRAWAL US TROOPS SK (SUN).

FY'76 OUTPUT BY JAPANESE CAR MFRS SURPASSED ALL PREVIOUS
RECORDS, REACHED TOTAL PRODUCTION OVER 7 MIL UNITS OF
ALL TYPES (CULLISON, JOC).

SUN'S SEIDEN (TOKYO) NOTES "MADE BY JAPAN" LABELS NO LONGER
NECESSARILY MEAN "MADE IN JAPAN," NOR DO FAMILIAR US BRAND
NAMES ALWAYS MEAN US-MADE PRODUCTS. GROWING US PROTECTION-
ISM HAS SPURRED RECENT TREND TOWARD MFR JAPANESE PRODUCTS
IN US FACTORIES. MITI OFFICIAL SEES MORE JAPANESE PLANTS
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LOCATING IN US AS PROTECTIONARY MEASURES INCREASE.

SEIDEN ALSO REPORTS ON LACK ENTHUSIASM IN JAPAN FOR OVER-
SEAS VOLUNTEER WORK. JAPAN OVERSEAS CO-OPERATION VOLUNTEERS
AGENCY ADVISER BLAMES TRADITIONAL LIFETIME EMPLOYMENT SYSTEM,
WHICH SEEKS YOUNG RECRUITS DIRECTLY FROM SCHOOL FOR PERMAN-
ENT/CONTINUOUS EMPLOYMENT, MAKING TIME OFF FOR VOLUNTEER
WORK INADVISABLE.

LAT'S TRAVEL EDIT HULSE (TOKYO) VISITS THE MIKADO CABARET.
REMARKS JAPANESE ENGINEERING GENIUS HAS SOLVED PROBLEM
KEEPING TRACK MIKADO'S 1,000 HOSTESSES--RATHER THAN PA
SYSTEM, EACH HAS BRA W/BUILT-IN BUZZER.

4. KOREA

CALIF REP DELLUMS PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO WEAPONS AUTHORIZA-
TION BILL 4/25 CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL 17,000 OF US' 32,000
TROOPS IN SK; HOUSE REJECTED IDEA BY 4-TO-1 MARGIN.

DELLUMS ACKNOWLEDGED PROPOSAL WAS "EXERCISE IN FUTILITY" (REUTER 4/25). SK NOT SPECIFICALLY NAMED, THO DELLUMS/SUP-PORTERS SAID MOST CUTS WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM THERE. HOUSE ACTION MARKS 4TH YR FOR OVERWHELMING REJECTION DELLUMS AMENDMENTS FOR US TROOPS CUTS ABROAD (AP, ADAMS, 4/25).

DOD 4/25 NOTIFIED CONGRESS OF PROPOSED LETTER OF OFFER TO SELL SK 83 MIL DOLS WORTH MODIFICATION KITS TO UPGRADE 304 OLDER HAWK MISSILES (REUTER 4/25).

ROKG RELEASED 15 MORE PARK'S CHRISTIAN OPPONENTS DURING WEEKEND, BUT ARRESTED 5 CHRISTIAN YOUTHS WHO LED ANTIGOV'T STREET DEMONSTRATION AFTER SEOUL CHURCH RALLY (AP WP, NYT).

LAT'S JAMESON (4/25) NOTES 5 OF MORE THAN 50 DISSIDENTS ARRESTED IN LAST 2 WKS INDICTED ON CHARGES VIOLATING UNCLASSIFIED

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SK'S ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW. SON KOREAN NAT'L COUNCIL CHURCHES GENRL SEC INCLUDED IN 5, AFTER HE/4 OTHER SEMINARY STUDENTS WROTE/READ DECLARATION MONDAY, CHARGING SK'S "PRESENT POLITICAL STRUCTURE" WAS PREVENTING REUNIFICATION.

NY REP HANLEY WRITES IRS, CALLS MOON CHURCH "SHADY"/SAYS SHOULD LOSE ITS TAX EXEMPTION; ADDED CULT MORE OF POL ORG THAN RELIGIOUS ONE (UPI, LAT 4/25).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

5. INDOCHINA

CSM QUOTES LACOUTURE REVIEW OF PONCHAUD'S "CAMBODGE ANNEE ZERO" IN NY REVIEW OF BOOKS ON SCALE OF TERROR. NOTES EARLIER BOOK, "MURDER OF A GENTLE LAND" HELPED ALERT AMERICANS TO WHAT'S GOING ON THERE. POINTS OUT PP INFREQUENTLY COMMENTS, BUT WHEN DOES CITES PROGRESS BEING MADE/ CLAIMS CAMBODIA BEING TRANSFORMED INTO VAST WORK SITE. RECALLS KHIEU SAMPHAN ADMITTED COUNTRY SUFFERED "UNTOLD DIFFICULTIES" SINCE VICTORY. OPINES CALCULATED MISTREATMENT OUGHT NOT GO UNNOTICED, EVEN IF FULL DETAILS LACKING; FOR OUTSIDE WORLD COUNTENANCE BARBARISM/REMAIN OFFICIALLY SILENT DIMINISHES RESPECT FOR HUMANITY/RTS EVERYWHERE.

PEAGAM (NYT) REVIEWS STILL-IMPORTANT ROLE BUDDHISM IN LAOS/ ATTITUDE RULERS WHO MAY HAVE POLICY REDUCE ITS INFLUENCE GRADUALLY. NOTES POL SEMINARS FOR MONKS/ELECTED CMTE'S AT EACH LEVEL INSTEAD INDIVIDUAL LEADERS/WORK IN FIELDS FOR CLERGY/OTHER CHANGES. QUOTES VN DIPLOMAT THAT NEW CAMBODIAN GOVT REGARDS BUDDHISM AS 1 OF MAIN ENEMIES.

6. KOREA

CHI S-T (4/22) STATES SK'S NEW CRACKDOWN ON DISSIDENTS
"SPITTING IN THE FACE OF FREEDOM," AND AMB SNEIDER "HAS
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APPARENTLY RAISED NO PROTEST." ADDS SOVIETS DON'T GET US
ARMS; ASKS "SHOULD SIMILAR REPRESSORS GET ARMS WITHOUT EVEN
A PEEP OF PUBLIC PROTEST?"
SCHLICH (CSM) NOTES US OWNERSHIP NKOREAN STAMPS STILL
BANNED; HOPES NOW THAT TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS LIFTED, USG WILL
SEE FIT ALLOW US COLLECTORS BUY NKOREAN STMPs IF THEY
WISH.

SEGAL (LAT 4/25) REVIEWS KOREA'S PONGSAN DANCE TROUPE,
NOW AT UCLA. FINDS IT "FORTHRIGHT, VIVID AND ACCESSIBLE
STAGE EXPERIENCE."

7. ESCAP

MCARTHUR (LAT 4/23) REVIEWS BANGKOK MTG. NOTES VN AGREED
COOPERATE IN MEKONG RIVER DEVELOPMENT; COMMENTS THIS PUTS
NEW LIFE IN PROJECT THAT "LYING DORMANT FOR DECADES" AT
UN. ADDS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST GENERATED IN ESCAP MTG
WHEN VN/LAOS SENT WORD WERE COMING/PRC SENT SIZABLE DELE-
GATION. REPORTS HEADWAY MADE IN PRIVATE ON EASING THAI/
LAOS BORDER DISPUTE. SAYS DUTCH/FRENCH/AUSSIES/JAPAN SAID
WOULD HELP W/MEKONG CMTE/SECRETARIAT. OPINES NEW STEPS
LEAVE REALIZATION MEKONG PLAN YRS AWAY, BUT HANOI PROVIDED
KEY ELEMENT TO ACTION.

8. ADB

MORITZ (CSM) NOTES AT MANILA MTG VN HIGHLIGHTS POLICY
WELCOMING FON CAPITAL/TRADE TO PROMOTE ECON RECOVERY.
CALLS HANOI INTEREST SIGNIFICANT SINCE ADB LOANS PRIMARILY
GRANT FOREX FOR PROJECTS THAT INVOLVE IMPORTATION FON
GOODS/CONCENTRATE ON CONVENTIONAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS
AS HIGHWAYS/UTILITY PLANTS/AIRPORTS/HARBORS. OPINES ANY
COUNTRY SEEKING ADB FUNDS MUST BE WILLING REJECT ECON
ISOLATION IN FAVOR PROJECTS BUILT W/OVERSEAS FUNDS/GOODS
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9. HUMAN RIGHTS

JOHN MACLEAN (CHITRIB 4/26) REPORTS ON DOS HUMAN RTS REPORT. LENGTHY 3/4 PAGE CHI TRIBUNE ARTICLE COMPLETE WITH GRAPHICS INTER ALIA STATES CARTER ADMIN ALREADY CHARGED W/ "SELECTIVE MORALITY," CUTTING AID TO UNIMPORTANT COUNTRIES/ CONTINUING IT THOSE W/VITAL INTEREST TO US SECURITY AS SK/PHILS. ARTICLE ALSO NOTES SECSTATE EXEMPTED FROM AID CUTS SK/PHILS ON SECURITY GROUND. MACLEAN MAINTAINS CARTER "JAWBONING" YIELDED SOME RESULTS/NOTES REPORTED PLANS OF INDONESIAN PRES SUHARTO RELEASE JAILED COMMUNISTS OVER NEXT 3 YRS. THREE WORLD MAPS ACCOMPANY STORY: 1 HIGHLIGHTS JAPAN/AUSTRALIA/NZ AS EA COUNTRIES RECEIVING US AID/NO MAJOR REPORTED HUMAN RTS VIOLATIONS; 2ND, COUNTRIES RECEIVING AID/VIOLATIONS REPORTED INCLUDES THAILAND/SINGAPORE, BURMA, INDONESIA; SINGLES OUT TAIWAN, SK/PHIL FOR SPECIAL COMMENT IN EA; 3RD SHOWS COUNTRIES RULED BY COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING MONGOLIA/CHINA/LAOS/VIETNAM/CAMBODIA/ NK. VANCE

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